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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and the above-noted document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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